

MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 7:00 PM

Clark County Mosquito Control
8115 NE. St. Johns, Bldg. P
Vancouver, WA

1.0 – OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Board President, Wade Holbrook.

1.2 Roll Call

Board members present: Alex Reinhold, Linda Dietzman, Wade Holbrook, Karen Holyk, Randall King, Roger Seekins, Carey Rees, Raúl Moreno, Paul Greenlee

Others present: Steve Kessler, Debbie Aultman

1.3 Review/approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of November 17, 2009 made and seconded and passed unanimously.

1.4 Review/approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of February 16, 2009 made and seconded and passed unanimously.

1.5 Review/approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda made and seconded and passed unanimously.

2.0 - RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

2.1 **Introductions** - No visitors present.

2.2 **Citizen Comments** – None.

3.0 – BOARD UPDATE

3.1 **City of Washougal** – Paul Greenlee has been appointed to represent the City of Washougal; term expires 4/12.

3.2 **City of Yacolt** – reappointment of Karen Holyk; term expires 6/11

3.3 **City of Vancouver** – reappointment of Wade Holbrook; term expires 2/12.

4.0 – FINANCIAL REPORT

4.1 The fourth quarter 2009 Revenue and Expenditure report was reviewed. No action required.

- 4.2 Expenditures for October – December 2009 in the amount of \$22,884.39 were reviewed and discussed. Motion made to approve expenditures – approved and seconded, passed unanimously.
- 4.3 The first quarter 2010 Revenue and Expenditure report was reviewed. No action required.
- 4.4 Motion made to approve January – March 2010 expenditures in the amount of \$17,984.99 – approved and seconded, passed unanimously.

5.0 – OPERATION’S MANAGER REPORT

- 5.1 Mosquito Control will be doing aerial treatment 3 days this week, Wednesday – Friday. The District continues to contract with Western Helicopter as part of a cooperative of area mosquito control entities. Because of the cooperative, cost per acre is less.
- 5.2 The low snow pack from last winter has resulted in a slow beginning this year. The crew is working ½ days, focusing on retention ponds and storm drain systems will be treated as needed. The water table for last year averaged 11’, this year’s table is currently around 6’ so far. Precipitation data collected by Clark County are organized by watershed and presented on the basis of water year timeframes. A water year begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the next year.
- 5.3 Purchased an ATV quad a week ago which will permit the investigation and treatment of larger areas in a more efficient manner.

6.0 - ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (See New Business)

7.0 - CONTINUING BUSINESS

- 7.1 Waiting notice of installation of commemorative brick for Mark Rees at David Douglas Park by Parks & Recreation

8.0 - NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Revenue Assessment

Fee assessment process change requested by County Auditor for 2011 was discussed. The Clark County Mosquito Control District includes all of Clark County and was formed by the voters at the General Election on November 1982 by a 63.8% favorable vote. The WA- RCW 17.28.255 provides that the board will annually propose a budget with an amount needed to carry on the operation of the district. Originally the district’s assessment was apportioned and applied in the same manner as a calculated levy rate based on a property’s appraisal. The county treated this assessment in the same manner as a property tax levy, as reflected on the tax statement.

Clark County has purchased a new computer system that allows the Mosquito Control District assessment to be apportioned independently and separately from property taxes, yet still be included on the tax statement. This new system will allow a uniform parcel charge for approximately 160,000 taxable properties. The formula would consist of the following: $\text{Cost per parcel} = \frac{\text{Proposed Budget}}{\text{\# of taxable parcels}} + \1.00 (for Treasurer’s costs for mailing, collecting and tracking payments).

Paul stated that the complexity of the assessment proposal deems legal counsel and suggested that an ad hoc meeting be formed to draft a set of reasonable questions to present to the district attorney's office. A motion to approve the formation of an ad hoc meeting was made by Roger Seekins; second to motion by Linda Dietzman; motion approved. Members volunteering for this committee are: Paul Greenlee, Wade Holbrook, Karen Holyk and Linda Dietzman. The ad hoc meeting between members will take place via e-mail.

Proposed Questions:

- What are our levy options as the Mosquito Control Board District?
- Is our only legal option a per parcel fee?
- What are we getting for the \$1.00 administrative fee?
- Can we negotiate the fee?

8.2 Western Helicopter 2010 Contract Amendment

A memorandum of agreement for the 2010 season with Western Helicopter was reviewed. Because of the Clark County's cooperative agreement with Multnomah County, Columbia (and sometimes Cowlitz), Western Helicopter flies at the same time, thus reducing the fee to \$11.50 per acre. The agreement was signed by Board President, Wade Holbrook.

8.3 Letter of Request to City of Ridgefield to reappoint Raúl Moreno for an additional 2 year term.

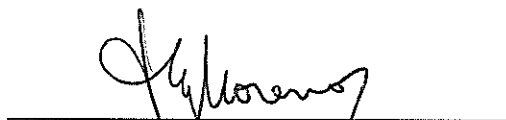
MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:33 pm

Next Meeting: August 17, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Aultman, Recorder



Raúl Moreno, Secretary-Treasurer